2nd Amendment/Guns

I am a strong proponent of Second Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution, so that law-abiding adults can exercise their Constitutional right to purchase and own firearms for the protection of their homes and families, collecting, target shooting, and hunting. In the 110th Congress (2007-2008), I received an "A+" grade from the National Rifle Association for my support of Second Amendment rights.



Crime

I have fought to make our streets safer by placing more police officers on the streets and increasing funding for law enforcement efforts. I have also supported legislation to provide more bulletproof vests to law enforcement officers, improve security at schools, track down online sex predators for prosecution, and reduce gang violence and crime among the nation's youth.

Defense

As a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittees on Defense and Military Construction-VA, as well as the Co-Chair of the Military Family Caucus, I proudly support the men and women of United States armed forces who sacrifice to keep the nation safe and secure. I firmly believe that national security and defense of the homeland can and must be done consistently with the Constitution and values of the United States. I have worked to ensure that the nation's military men and women have the best weapons, equipment, materials, and family support to successfully accomplish their mission. For more information, please see my Military and Veterans page.

Education

I have worked tirelessly to make our nation's schools





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